PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Sub-rule (2) of Rule 3 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. M. L. Janardhana Pillai and J. W. Tolson to form the panel of Chairmen for this Session of the Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

I have received notice of the following adjournment motions.

(1) By Mr. K. R. Narayanan "I move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance namely the difficulties and inconveniences arising out of the absence of suitable residential facilities and accommodation for College students."

I may mention at once that full latitude has been given to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, even at the expense of considerable sums of money, to take on lease as many buildings as possible for the purpose of providing residential facilities, especially for women students. A certain amount of success has attended his efforts already. I do not think the situation is satisfactory. But Government are alive to it. So, does the honourable member press the motion?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: That is a very serious question, so I wish to move it.

The question that the motion may be moved was put to the House and lost.

PRESIDENT: The next motion is by Mr. A. K. Bhasker.

"I beg leave to move that the business of this Assembly be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, the severe hardship and suffering caused by the closing down of two of the mineral factories in Chavara to a large number of workers."

Here again I may mention, that four years ago this Government made it clear that as soon as the leases to the mineral companies in Travancore came to and end, no further extension would be given because Government want to develop these mineral sands as a national enterprise. This adjournment motion is more or less on the same lines as the letters sent by the various companies some of whom have stated that they have been taken by surprise. But as a matter of policy Government have definitely resolved that employees of these companies might continue in the new companies that will be established, in order that Government may not lose their experience and their scientific possibilities. Government will be the dominant partners, they will hold 51 per cent of the shares of these companies, and these factories will be considered as Government concerns. Their employees have been put to some difficulties on account of the closing down of the companies but the department of Public Works has been asked to give employment to as many men as are coming for work. So far, two thousand people have come forward and the Chief Engineer has been asked to give employment to all of them.

MR A. K. BHASKER: Will they get work in the same locality?

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PRESIDENT: How can that be? They have to go all over the State. Supposing the Government had not done even that what would have happened? Both the employers and employees of these companies were aware that the leases were to terminate and that they would not be renewed. Do you want to press the motion?

MR. A. K. BHASKER: I just wanted that some relief must be gvien to the unemployed labourers. That was all my object. So I do not press my motion.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT RE: NOTICE OF CUT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I wish to inform the House that though under Standing Order 59, two clear days' notice is necessary for motions to omit or reduce a grant, it may not be possible, in actual practice, for many of the members to comply with this requirement. Thus, for instance, when the voting of demands for certain grants is over *before* the time allotted for the discussion of the demand, there will be a general acceleration in the disposal of the several demands,—so much so that it may not be possible for the members to predict with any certainty the exact date on which a particular demand may come up for discussion. *Two clear days' notice* would not be practicable in such cases. At the same time, without this requisite notice, the Secretary may not be able to arrange and print in their appropriate form and order the various cut motions. This practical difficulty has arisen on more than one occasion, and has at times led to the adjournment of the business of the House due to non-receipt of the necessary cut motions in time. To facilitate smooth working, and also to enable all the members to send in their notices without taking the risk of the uncertainty as to the date of discussion of a particular demand, I would suggest that *all the cut motions* which the members wish to move may be sent to the Secretary so as to reach him before the 25th July 1945. Since copies of the preliminary edition of the Budget Estimates were made available to the members on 20-7-1945, there is enough time to make the necessary entries in the cut motions, by referring to the relevant heads in the Budget Estimates. I am sure, the honourable members would not find any difficulty in doing this.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT RE: DISCUSSION OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Two days (4th and 8th August 1945) have been set apart for the discussion of the Report on the Education Reorganisation Committee. With a view to canalising discussion and facilitating decisions, it would be desirable if the discussions are based on specific suggestions made in the form of resolutions If the members would send in their resolutions (after consultation amongst themselves so as to reduce the number of such resolutions) at least six clear days before the date on which the discussion of the Report begins, the Secretary will have them printed and circulated.

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